



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Wieth et al.

**Application No.:** 10/019,142

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
DETECTING AND REWARDING THE  
RETURNING OF SHOPPING CARTS

**Group:** 2612

**Examiner:** Daniel Previl

**Our File:** SPT-PT002

**Date:** October 31, 2006

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2006 [Paper No. 20060524] and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: